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Title: SOUND ABSORBING STRUCTURE

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 MURAKAMI et al. C# M#
 Serial No. 09/482,731 Group Art Unit: 1771
 Filed: January 14, 2000 Examiner: H. Vo
 Title: SOUND ABSORBING STRUCTURE Date: June 30, 2003

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

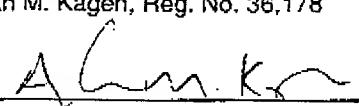
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

In response to the Office Action dated February 5, 2003, the period for response having been extended two (2) months by petition herewith, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1, 8, 31, 37 and 51 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please substitute the following amended claim(s) for corresponding claim(s) previously presented. A copy of the amended claim(s) showing current revisions is attached.

2. (Amended) The sound absorbing structure according to claim 34, wherein said porous member includes a structure formed by mixing open-cells and closed-cells.

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